

FOREST SERVICE INTER-REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Meeting

Riverton, Wyoming

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TOPIC AREAS

- Definitions and Direction
 - Interagency Coordination Activities
 - Funding Changes
 - Operational Considerations
 - Management Plan Content
 - NEPA Considerations
 - Future Discussions
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DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTION

September 30, 2014

- Develop Toolkit to Address External Management Proposals
- Develop Definitions and Protocols

December 31, 2014

- Describe/Define Thriving Natural Ecological Balance
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INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

September 30, 2014

- Gather Existing Agreements In One Location
- Develop Coordination Protocols for Areas Managed Jointly with BLM

December 31, 2014

- Develop Template for Regional with BLM State Offices
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FUNDING/TARGET CHANGES

September 30, 2014

- Complete New Agreement for Inter-Regional Coordinator
 - Duties
 - Funding
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OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

September 30, 2014

- Identify Contracting Officers with WH/B Contract Experience
- Identify Knowledge/Skills Required to be a Contracting Officers Representative for WH/B Contracts

December 31, 2014

- Identify Training Needs for Rangeland Management Specialist to Manage Wild Horses and Burros
 - Develop List of Common Equipment Needs
 - Develop “Checklist” for Gather Operations
 - Proper Procedures
 - Internal/External Communications
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MANAGEMENT PLAN CONTENT

On-Going

- Provide National and Regional Support to Ensure Consistency
 - Laws
 - Regulations

TBD

- Develop a Basic Framework for Territory Management Plan Components
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NEPA CONSIDERATIONS

September 30, 2014

- Develop a Centralized Location for Program Related Reference Materials

September 30, 2015

- Create a Desk Guide for Forest Supervisors
(Identify Team by December 31, 2014)

TBD

- Develop a Framework for NEPA Components Specific to WH/B Decisions
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FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

- Centralized Advisory Team Specializing in WH/B Management Plans
 - Current Population Situation
 - 285% of AML
 - Need To Complete NEPA Prior to Removals
 - Broad Scale Analyses to Support Project NEPA
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